

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

The House passed H.R. 4810, Marriage Penalty Tax Elimination Reconciliation Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S6485–S6583

Measures Introduced: Eight bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2850, 2857, and S. Con. Res. 130. **Page S6574**

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 2386, to extend the Stamp Out Breast Cancer Act. (S. Rept. No. 106–338)

S. 1911, to conserve Atlantic highly migratory species of fish, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–339)

S. 1998, to establish the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–340)

S. 2247, to establish the Wheeling National Heritage Area in the State of West Virginia, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–341)

H.R. 940, to establish the Lackawanna Heritage Valley American Heritage Area, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–342)

S. 2787, to reauthorize the Federal programs to prevent violence against women. **Pages S6573–74**

Measures Passed:

National Fragile X Awareness Day: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 268, designating July 22, 2000 as “National Fragile X Awareness Day”, and the resolution was then agreed to, after agreeing to the following amendments proposed thereto: **Page S6583**

Warner (for Edwards/Hagel) Amendment No. 3818, designating July 22, 2000 as “National Fragile X Awareness Day”. **Page S6583**

Warner (for Edwards/Hagel) Amendment No. 3819, to amend the preamble. **Page S6583**

Warner (for Edwards/Hagel) Amendment No. 3820, to amend the title. **Page S6583**

Death Tax Elimination Act: Senate completed consideration of the motion to proceed to the consider-

ation of H.R. 8, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period. **Pages S6485–97**

A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Thursday, July 13, 2000. Further, following the disposition of the amendments, the bill be advanced to third reading and passage occur, all without any intervening action or debate. **Page S6497**

National Defense Authorization: Senate continued consideration of S. 2549, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

By 86 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 174) Bennett/Reid Amendment No. 3185, to provide for an adjustment of composite theoretical performance levels of high performance computers. **Pages S6497–98**

Stevens Amendment No. 3815, to provide that the limitation on payment of fines and penalties for environmental compliance violations applies only to fines and penalties imposed by Federal agencies.

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Byrd Amendment No. 3794 (to Amendment No. 3767), to provide for annual reporting of the national security implications of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China. **Pages S6544–46**

Warner (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3767, to provide for annual reporting of the national security implications of the bilateral trade and economic relationship between the United States and the People's Republic of China. **Page S6546**

Warner (for Hutchison) Amendment No. 3733, to authorize grants for the maintenance, repair, and renovation of school facilities that serve dependents of members of the Armed Forces and Department of Defense employees. **Pages S6550-53**

Warner (for McCain) Amendment No. 3737, to repeal the prohibition on use of Department of Defense funds for the procurement of a nuclear-capable shipyard crane from a foreign source. **Pages S6550-53**

Warner Amendment No. 3734, to postpone implementation of the Defense Joint Accounting System pending an analysis of the system. **Pages S6550-53**

Levin (for Harkin) Modified Amendment No. 3762, to provide for the humane administration of Department of Defense secrecy oaths and policies, consistent with national security needs, where workers and communities at nuclear weapons facilities may have had their health compromised by exposure to radioactive and other hazardous substances. **Pages S6550-53**

Levin/Warner Amendment No. 3816, to streamline the requirements for procurement notice when access to notice is provided electronically through the single Governmentwide point of access designated in the Federal Acquisition Regulation. **Page S6553**

Levin/Murray Amendment No. 3817, to authorize a land conveyance, Mukilteo Tank Farm, Everett, Washington. **Page S6553**

Pending:

Feingold Amendment No. 3759, to terminate production under the D5 submarine-launched ballistic missile program. **Pages S6546-49**

Durbin Amendment No. 3732, to provide for operationally realistic testing of National Missile Defense systems against countermeasures; and to establish an independent panel to review the testing. **Pages S6549-50, S6553-67**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill on Thursday, July 13, 2000, with votes to occur on certain amendments beginning at 9:30 a.m. **Page S6498**

Ordered further, following disposition of H.R. 4205, House companion measure and the appointment of conferees, the Senate proceed to the consideration en bloc of S. 2550, S. 2551, and S. 2552, all related measures; that all after the enacting clause of these bills be stricken and that certain appropriate portions of S. 2549, as amended, be inserted in lieu thereof. **Page S6498**

Ordered further, with respect to S. 2549, S. 2550, S. 2551, and S. 2552, that if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives, the Senate disagree with the House on its amendment or amendments to the Senate-passed bill, and agree to

or request a conference with the House thereon; and that the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees. **Page S6498**

Subsequently, the unanimous-consent agreement was modified. **Page S6567**

Interior Appropriations: Senate resumed consideration of H.R. 4578, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto: **Pages S6498-S6538**

Adopted:

Wellstone Amendment No. 3772, to increase funding for emergency expenses resulting from wind storms. **Pages S6498-99**

Gorton Amendment No. 3773, to make a technical correction. **Page S6501**

Gorton (for Byrd) Amendment No. 3801, to approve the reprogramming of funds for computational services at the National Energy Technology Laboratory. **Page S6501**

Gorton Amendment No. 3802, to amend the amount provided for the State of Florida Restoration grants within National Park Service land acquisition. **Page S6501**

Gorton (for Grams/Wellstone) Amendment No. 3803, to provide funding for expenses resulting from windstorms, with an offset. **Pages S6501-02**

Thomas Amendment No. 3804, to provide additional funds for Payment in Lieu of Taxes program. **Pages S6502-03**

Domenici Amendment No. 3806 (to Amendment No. 3795), to protect communities from wildland fire danger. **Pages S6509-18**

Craig Modified Amendment No. 3795, to provide for a committee to review certain proposed rules concerning the planning and management of National Forest Service lands. **Pages S6506-18**

Collins Amendment No. 3807, to make emergency funds available to the United States Fish and Wildlife Service for salmon restoration and conservation efforts in the State of Maine. **Pages S6518-20**

Sessions Amendment No. 3790, to prohibit the use of funds for the publication of certain procedures relating to gaming procedures. **Pages S6514, S6530-36**

Rejected:

By 38 yeas to 62 nays (Vote No. 175), Durbin Amendment No. 3810, to strike the provision relating to renewal of grazing permits and leases. **Pages S6523-28, S6536**

By 27 yeas to 73 nays (Vote No. 176), Inhofe Amendment No. 3812, to provide \$7,372,000 to the Indian Health Service for diabetes treatment, prevention, and research, with an offset. **Pages S6528-30, S6537**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill and certain amendments to be proposed thereto, on Monday, July 17, 2000, with certain votes to occur at 9:45 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18, 2000. Further, that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—176) Pages S6498, S6536–37

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:53 p.m., until 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, July 13, 2000. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S6583.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

ANTHRAX VACCINE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee held hearings to examine the threat, effectiveness, safety, and supply of the Department of Defense Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program and the Food and Drug Administration role with respect to the regulation of the vaccine, receiving testimony from Rudy de Leon, Deputy Secretary, Adm. J. Jarrett Clinton, USPHS, First Assistant to the Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, Maj. Gen. Randall L. West, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary for Chemical and Biological Protection, Anna Johnson-Winegar, Deputy Assistant to the Secretary for Chemical and Biological Defense, David Oliver, Principal Deputy Secretary for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and Robert J. Lieberman, Assistant Inspector General for Auditing, all of the Department of Defense; and Kathryn C. Zoon, Director, Center for Biologics Evaluation and

Research, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

DISABLED CHILDREN MEDICAID COVERAGE

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded hearings on certain provisions of S. 2274, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide families and disabled children with the opportunity to purchase coverage under the Medicaid program for such children, after receiving testimony from Senator Kennedy; Representative Sessions; William J. Scanlon, Director, Health Financing and Public Health Issues, Health, Education, and Human Services Division, General Accounting Office; Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, Little Rock; David Alexander, Raymond Blank Children's Hospital, Des Moines, Iowa; Gordon Fay, Montgomery, Alabama; Rebecca Eichhorn, Newberg, Oregon; and Tanya Baker-McCue, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Francisco J. Sanchez, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation, and Katherine Milner Anderson, of Virginia, Frank Henry Cruz, of California, Kenneth Y. Tomlinson, of Virginia, and Ernest J. Wilson III, of Maryland, each to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Sanchez was introduced by Senator Graham.

UNITED NATIONS IN AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded hearings to examine the United Nations policy in Africa, focusing on future peace, prosperity and freedom, after receiving testimony from Richard C. Holbrooke, United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations; William Franklin Graham III, Samaritan's Purse, Boone, North Carolina; and Eric G. Berman, Belmont, Massachusetts.

BIOTECHNOLOGY IN COMBATING POVERTY AND HUNGER

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion concluded hearings to examine the role of biotechnology in combating hunger and poverty in developing countries, after receiving testimony from David B. Sandalow, Assistant Secretary of State for Bureau of Oceans, Environment and Science; Andrew Young, GoodWorks International, Atlanta, Georgia; Roger N. Beachy, Donald Danforth Plant Science